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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR19 by Branch (Proposing a constitutional amendment to require a house of the legislature to take a record vote on certain legislative measures and actions and to provide for public Internet access to those record votes.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HJR19, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of (\$125,213) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$77,468)
2009	(\$47,745)
2010	\$0
2011	(\$47,745)
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2008	(\$77,468)
2009	(\$47,745)
2010	\$0
2011	(\$47,745)
2012	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The joint resolution would require a record vote in both houses of the legislature on final passage of any bill, joint resolution, or nonceremonial resolution and would include concurrence of the other house's amendments and adoption of conference committee reports. The votes would be recorded in the journals of the appropriate house and published on the Internet. Each house by rule could exempt certain local bills from the requirement.

Methodology

Information was obtained from the House on the number of non-record votes taken on final passage during the 79th Legislature, Regular Session. The number of non-record votes was multiplied by the estimated cost of each record vote (\$55.00) to estimate the cost to the state. The Senate estimates that recording every members vote in the journal would require an additional 1/4 of a journal volume to be printed at a cost of approximately \$6,000.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$77,468.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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